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SUMMARY: LISBON WEEKEND PRESS GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO OAU MEETING ON ANGOLA, SPANISH POLITICAL SITUATION, FRETILIN STATEMENTS RE TIMOR, AND EXPOSE ON ALLEGED CIA ACTIVITIES IN SPAIN AND PORTUGAL. END SUMMARY.

1. ANGOLA: WEEKLY "EXPRESSO" GAVE SUMMIT CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE AND CALLED GOP RECOGNITION OF MPLA "NOT LIKELY." MAJOR PLAY GIVEN ALL PAPERS TO OAU SUMMIT MEETING ON ANGOLA. "O DIA" HEADLINE "MPLA ONLY ONE VOTE AWAY FROM BEING RECOGNIZED AS SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF ANGOLAN PEOPLE." "A LUTA" REFERS TO SUMMIT AS "EAST-WEST CONFRONTATION" AND ADDS THAT FEELING IS EXTANT IN GOP CIRCLES TO RECOGNIZE THE MPLA. NEW (COMMUNIST) DAILY "O DIARIO" HIGHLIGHTS PRESENCE AT SUMMIT OF CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DIGGS, QUOTING HIM AS SAYING "U.S. INVOLVMENT IN ANGOLA WAS THE MAJOR FOLLY OF WASHINGTON'S AFRICAN POLICY" AND "UNFORTUNATELY, PRESIDENT FORD FOLLOWED KISSINGER'S MADNESS BLINDLY." "O SEculo" DESCRIBES AT LENGTH LONDON OBSERVER ARTICLE CLAIMING "UNITED STATES AND SOUTH AFRICA WERE MILITARILY MORE INVOLVED IN ANGOLAN WAR THAN EITHER EVER ADMITTED." SEculo ALSO GIVES HEAVY PLAY TO DIGGS' PARTICIPATION. ONLY "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" PRINTED WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN NESSEN'S COMMENTS ON LETTING AFRICANS FIND A SOLUTION TO ANGOLA.

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2. SPAIN: PORTUGUESE PRESS GAVE HEAVY COVERAGE TO MADRID SUBWAY STRIKE AND SUBSEQUENT CALL FOR GENERAL STRIKE BY CLANDESTINE LABOR ORGANIZATIONS. UNDER HEADLINE "SPANISH GOVERNMENT WORRIED ABOUT SPREADING LABOR STRIKE IN MADRID" "O PRIMEIRO DE JANEIRO" SAYS SPANISH CABINET HAS DECIDED TO STAY IN SESSION UNTIL CRISIS IS SOLVED.

3. TIMOR: "O SEculo" JANUARY 12 CARRIES FRONT-PAGE STORY RE STATEMENTS IN NEW YORK BY FREtilin FONMIN JOSE RAMOS HORTA, WHO CLAIMS HIS MOVEMENT CONFISCATED LARGE QUANTITIES OF AMERICAN ARMS. ARTICLE APPEARS UNDER VERY CLEVER HEADING "AMERICAN ARMS KILL IN TIMOR" WHICH IS SEPARATED FROM "SO SAYS FREtilin" STATEMENT. ARTICLE GOES ON TO SAY THAT FREtilin EXHORTS U.S. TO CHANGE ITS POLICY RE TIMOR.

4. CIA EXPOSE: CITING GOP NEWS AGENCY "ANOP" ITEM, "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" MENTIONS PHILIP AGEE ADDRESS AT LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS QUOTING AGEE AS SAYING HE COULD "IDENTIFY TEN CIA AGENTS ATTACHED TO U.S. MISSION IN PORTUGAL." ARTICLE SAYS AGEE CLAIMS "CIA IS USING SAME TACTICS IN PORTUGAL IT USED IN CHILE, URUGUAY, AND BRAZIL TO DESTROY DEMOCRATIC REGIMES" AND THAT "PRIME OBJECTIVE OF CIA IN PORTUGAL IS TO CHANNEL FUNDS TO MARIO SOARES' SOCIALISTS, TO DIVIDE THE LABOR MOVEMENT, AND TO FINANCE ANTI-COMMUNIST DEMONSTRATIONS." OTHER PRESS ITEMS ON CIA INCLUDE SPANISH MAGAZINE CAMBIO 16 EXPOSE ON CIA IN SPAIN AND U.S. SENATE INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED CIA WRONGDOING IN CONGO.

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